

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate passed H.R. 2918, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7115–S7151

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1394–1399, and S. Res. 207. **Page S7138**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Thursday, July 2, during the adjournment:

S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 111–35)

S. 1229, to reauthorize and improve the entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–36)

S. 1233, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–37)

S. 1391, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

S. 1392, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military construction.

S. 1393, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for defense activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S7138**

Measures Passed:

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act: By 67 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 217), Senate passed H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7121–32**

Adopted:

Coburn Amendment No. 1369 (to Amendment No. 1365), to require expenditures by every Senate office be posted online for the public to review. **Pages S7121–22**

DeMint Amendment No. 1370 (to Amendment No. 1365), to direct the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God We Trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center. **Pages S7123–24**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 1365, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7121–26**

Rejected:

By 31 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 215), McCain Amendment No. 1366 (to Amendment No. 1365), to strike the earmark for the Durham Museum in Omaha, Nebraska. **Pages S7121, S7125–26**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order against DeMint Amendment No. 1367 (to Amendment No. 1365), to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited by the Comptroller General of the United States and the manner in which such audits are reported, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S7124**

By 70 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 216), Senate determined that the point of order against Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 1365 (listed above), as being in violation of article 1, section 8 and the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution, was not well-taken. **Page S7126**

Senate insisted on its amendment, asks for a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Nelson (NE), Inouye, Pryor, Tester, Murkowski, and Cochran. **Page S7132**